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SUMMER SCHOOL.

Prof. Taylor, of the Northern Normal, South in interest of Summer School—Addresses Students Tempe Normal.

Principal A. N. Taylor, who has been on a trip through the southern counties in the interest of the summer session of the Northern Arizona Normal school, returned today. He has reasonable assurance that a number of teachers and students from Southern Arizona will spend their vacation in attendance at the summer session. The following notices of his mission are clipped from our exchanges:

Prof. A. N. Taylor, principal of the Northern Arizona Normal school at Flagstaff, visited Nogales Wednesday in the interests of that institution. A summer session of five weeks will begin June 27, and continue to July 29, and Prof. Taylor is visiting the principal towns of the territory telling the teachers and others what an ideal summer resort Flagstaff is. All railroads have made greatly reduced rates for those taking the course, and a number of side trips to such places as the Grand Canyon, Cliff Dwellings, etc., can be taken at a very small cost.—Nogales Oasis.

Tuesday morning, at the opening exercises of the Normal, Prof. A. N. Taylor, president of the Northern Normal at Flagstaff, addressed the student body.

President Taylor is making a tour of the valley, and in fact of the Territory, in the interest of the summer school at the Northern Normal. In speaking to the students he explained to them the advantages the school offered during the summer months. It is indeed quite apparent that it has many advantages, not only on account of the climate, but by taking the work there during the summer, if a satisfactory grade is made, the student making it will be given credit for it at this normal.

President Taylor congratulated the students on their pleasant surroundings, the beautiful grounds and the flowers. He expressed his appreciation of the box of flowers that were sent to the Northern Normal last winter.

In the afternoon, in company with Professor Matthews, he was driven to Mesa, where he visited the schools.—Republican.

Prof. A. N. Taylor, president of the Northern Arizona Normal school, was a visitor at the Blade sanctum Saturday. He was here in the interest of the summer session of that excellent educational institution, and obtained from Miss Mary Sweeney and Miss Louise White a promise to attend the approaching session, which begins June 27, and lasts until July 29—five weeks. The summer session of 1903 was a gratifying success, and there is every indication that this year's session will be still more successful. Flagstaff, where the school is located, is an ideal spot for a summer residence. It sits in the lap of a mountain, in the midst of a pine forest, 6,686 feet above sea level, and is delightfully cool and healthy. In matters of prehistoric interest the mountain city has a world wide reputation. The Cliff Dwellings, the Ice Caves,

Sunset Mountain, the Lava Beds, San Francisco Peaks, the Cave Dwellings, Montezuma's Castle and Well, and the Grand Canyon of Arizona are all easily accessible from Flagstaff, and special rates are given to students in attendance on the summer session. The educational value of a trip to these places a teacher cannot ignore, says Professor Taylor.—Florence Blade.

Summer School.

Prof. A. N. Taylor, president of the Northern Arizona Normal school, is in the city on his return from Tucson, Bisbee and other parts of the Territory, where he has been soliciting teachers for the summer school to be held in Flagstaff from June 27th to July 29th inclusive. He reports very encouragingly of the work, and expects a large attendance from the southern portion of the Territory, while it is to be hoped that a large representation will be sent from Maricopa county. They have arranged a very complete course of study, and have secured a very competent corps of instructors, and the work will be so arranged that those wishing to prepare for an examination at the end of the term may do so. There is no place where one may find a more congenial surrounding for intellectual pursuit than in Flagstaff, and other things being equal, there is no reason why we should not patronize a home institution.—Phoenix Enterprise.

School Apportionment.

The Territorial Board of Education met Saturday at the Capitol building, and after transacting routine business apportioned \$18,165.70 among the schools in the various counties in the Territory. The money was paid in by the insurance companies doing business in the Territory, the total amount of the collections being \$20,331.00, the balance being to defray the expenses of the Board of Education. The apportionment to the various counties follows:

Apache, \$643.30; Cochise, \$2,249.10; Coconino, \$536.20; Gila, \$620.20; Graham, \$3,117.10; Maricopa, \$3,282.40; Mohave, \$250.20; Navajo, \$658.00; Pima, \$2,544.50; Pinal, \$626.50; Santa Cruz, \$934.50; Yavapai, \$1,765.40; Yuma, \$823.30.

Educational diplomas were granted to Jessica Anna Wilson, of Yavapai county, on a diploma from Leland Stanford, Jr., university; J. F. Wooley, of Coconino county, on a diploma from the University of Michigan.—Gazette.

Queer Decision.

Louie Ghuey was up before Judge Watron yesterday charged with selling fresh meat without a license. The warrant was sworn out for his arrest by R. C. Creswell, sanitary officer for this district. W. H. Burbage appeared for the defendant, the Territory being represented by T. F. Moran.

After taking the evidence in the case the defendant's counsel admitted that said defendant sold meat without a license, and asked that he be acquitted on the ground that the territory failed to prove that the meat had not been inspected by a government meat inspector. Louie was released.—Holbrook Argus.

TWO SOLDIERS KILLED.

Collision West of Needles on Sunday—Light Engine Runs Into Soldier Train.

E. R. Coones and James M. Bowers, United States army soldiers, were killed, and between twelve and fifteen of their associates injured in a collision that occurred Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at Hartoum, the first station west of Needles on the Santa Fe.

The special train consisted of six cars, and carried several hundred regulars, including officers and men. The light engine that struck the oncoming special was a helper.

The accident appears to have been due to the fact that the troop train failed to hold the Hartoum siding until 11:30, as the engineer was ordered to do. The result was a mix up on the same track, with a light engine going in an opposite direction that had the right of way. Private Coones was killed outright, and Private James M. Bowers suffered injuries from which he died later. Coones remains were shipped to his home in Kentucky, and the body of Bowers is being held awaiting orders of friends or relatives.

Crews of both trains escaped, although the engineer of the troop train is said to have sustained minor injuries. He remained at his post to the end, although there was an opportunity to jump before the accident occurred.

Both engines were badly wrecked, and the baggage car and one tourist sleeper was smashed into kindling wood.

Title to Unpatented Claims.

There seems to be an impression among many that unpatented mining locations are not subject to taxation, the idea seeming to be that as the government has not passed title by patent to the locator the title rests in the government. It is not easy to define the nature of the estate acquired and held by the position of a valid mining location, but from the early history of mining the title acquired by a miner to his claim by location was absolute so long as he complied with the statutory provisions. The claim was recognized as real property, was liable to sale on execution, and was subject to taxation. With passing years this idea has not changed materially, nor at all. A mining location properly made, and upon which all the requirements of the law have been complied with, is property in the strictest sense of the term, as much so as a patented claim. As a matter of course, if the claim holder ceases to comply with the law regarding claims so located, his rights in the estate cease and the claim reverts to the public domain, and is then subject to relocation by any person, a citizen of the United States. The miner's title to his unpatented claim is founded upon the law of possession. In the early days of mining there was no other way of maintaining possession of mining claims than by complying with certain local laws and requirements. These local laws, rules and customs came, in time, to be the foundation of the mining law as it exists at present. In establishing rights under the mining law the fact was re-

cognized that no person could enter upon a claim legally held by another, on the plea that he had no title, as the title was still vested in the government. The fact of possession was considered sufficient evidence of title. To be in possession does not involve the necessity of an actual residence upon the mining claim. If a mining claim be legally located upon the public domain, and all the acts performed in connection with such location as are required by the Federal Statute, State and local laws, the locator is said to be in possession, and he has a legal title to the claim to the exclusion of every one else—even the government—and he may maintain this right so long as he complies with the requirements of the law.—Mining and Scientific Press.

Arizona Rubber Plant.

The Prospector has on several occasions referred to the new discoveries of rubber to be manufactured from the common "rabbit weed" brush indigenous to Arizona and the arid west. Experiments have proven that the weed produces a good quality of rubber. A factory in Dayton, Ohio, has just turned out several articles made from the juice of the plant, consisting of rubber erasers, shoe heels, horseshoe pads, plastic bandages, flesh brushes, and various other articles. The Dayton company has ordered 1,000 pounds more of the gum, paying 80 cents per pound. This seems to be the final test, and there is every reason to believe that it is destined to become quite an industry. The conditions under which the plant grows are such that it can be cultivated over a large area with little trouble or expense, and the returns are surely to be highly profitable.—Tombstone Prospector.

A Good Appointment.

Governor Brodie has appointed C. O. Robinson member of the Board of Education for the Northern Arizona Normal school, vice J. C. Grim, resigned, and who intends to make California his home.

Mr. Robinson is the efficient and popular cashier of the Arizona Central bank, and is eminently fitted for the position to which he has been appointed. The appointment is one that will please the people of this community.

M. E. Conference Trains.

Trains loaded with delegates to the M. E. Conference, to be held in Los Angeles, passed through Flagstaff today. The Delegate special was the first train to pass. The Pennsylvania specials of seven trains of five cars each, two Conference specials of eleven cars each, the Boston delegation of seven cars, and the Pittsburg special will all pass through here today and tonight.

Accidentally Killed.

John C. May was accidentally killed at Fort Wingate on Tuesday by dropping his pistol from his pocket while handling freight. He was a well known Indian trader. He had served in the Sixth United States cavalry, and was very popular. He owned a curio store in San Diego, where his wife resides. The body will be sent to San Diego.